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May 24, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth Rolando
Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

RE: ConocoPhillips Company - Subpart C ARES Application
ICC Dkt. No. 06-0408

Dear Ms. Rolando:

Attached hereto find the original Bond issued in the amount of \$150,000, said amount being set forth in 83 Ill. Adm. Code 451.50(a). A copy of this Bond was filed as Attachment F along with ConocoPhillips' Application for Certification as Subpart C ARES on May 22, 2006.

Very truly yours,


Eric Robertson

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Enclosure
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CC: ALJ Michael Wallace

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COMMERCE COMMISSION

[The requirements for a license or permit bond are described in 83 Ill. Adm. Code 451.50. The following Sample License or Permit Bond for ARES Applicants has been prepared by the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission. It is intended to be a source of information and a template that may be of use to entities petitioning the Illinois Commerce Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority to be an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES") under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") [220 ILCS 5/16-115] and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 451, Certification of Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers. The following sample is not intended to constitute legal advice regarding compliance with Section 16-115 of the Act, 83 Ill. Adm. Code 451, or any applicable case law.]

License or Permit Bond

License or Permit Bond No 6390564

Safeco Insurance Company of America
P.O. Box 34526, Seattle, WA 98124-1526

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, ConocoPhillips Company as Principal, and Safeco Insurance Company of America a Washington Corporation, and authorized to do business in Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS as Oblige, in the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00), for which sum, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business to operate as an ARES (Alternative Retail Electric Supplier) under 220 ILCS 5/16-115 and is required to execute this bond under 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 451.50 by the Oblige.

NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully perform all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety; said notice to be sent to 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701, of the aforesaid State of Illinois, by certified mail.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2006

ConocoPhillips Company Principal

by: David P. Bolen David P. Bolen
[name] [title] Assistant Treasurer

Safeco Insurance Company of America Surety

by: Joseph R. Poplawski
[name] [title]

Joseph R. Poplawski, Attorney-In-Fact



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OF ATTORNEY

Safeco Insurance Companies
PO Box 34526
Seattle, WA 98124-1526

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No. _____

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** and **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint

*****DEBRA ELAINE CLARK; ELIZABETH A. HARTZBERG; JOSEPH R. POPLAWSKI; DONALD BRUCE WAKE;
CAROLYN E. WHEELER; JOY M. WILLIAMS; Knoxville, Tennessee*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** and **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** have each executed and attested these presents

this 14th day of November, 2005

STEPHANIE DALEY-WATSON, SECRETARY

MIKE PETERS, PRESIDENT, SURETY

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**
and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS ... the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business... On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**
and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out,

- (i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
- (ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
- (iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,

the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, Stephanie Daley-Watson, Secretary of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 31st day of January, 2006



STEPHANIE DALEY-WATSON, SECRETARY

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SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — DECEMBER 31, 2005

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$ 84,906,669	Unearned Premiums	\$ 711,109,820
*Bonds — U.S Government	242,950,999	Reserve for Claims and Claims Expense	1,620,267,753
*Other Bonds	2,682,145,557	Funds Held Under Reinsurance Treaties	78,827
*Stocks	428,624,237	Reserve for Dividends to Policyholders	854,045
Real Estate	9,291,339	Additional Statutory Reserve	—
Agents' Balances or Uncollected Premiums	629,634,432	Reserve for Commissions, Taxes and	
Accrued Interest and Rents	40,360,895	Other Liabilities	938,766,902
Other Admitted Assets	351,037,705	Total	\$3,271,077,347
Total Admitted Assets	\$4,468,951,833	Capital Stock	\$ 5,000,000
		Paid in Surplus	240,451,979
		Unassigned Surplus	952,422,507
		Surplus to Policyholders	1,197,874,486
		Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$4,468,951,833



* Bonds are stated at amortized or investment value; Stocks at Association Market Values.
Securities carried at \$137,852,392 are deposited as required by law.

I, MICHAEL C. PETERS, President, Surety, Safeco Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, and correct statement of the Assets and Liabilities of said Corporation, as of December 31, 2005, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation at Seattle, Washington, this 1st day of March, 2006.

President, Surety